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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 5,900 IN AUGUST TO 430,600

Rhode Island employment increased by 5,900 jobs in August, due primarily to employees in the manufacturing sector returning to work following plant vacation closings in July, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 430,600 in August. This represents a gain of 5,900 from the July level of 424,700 and is 4,500 jobs more than the August 1985 total of 426,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment rose by 4,900 in the July-August period. In addition, the current figure of 120,400 is 600 greater than the August 1985 level of 119,800. In the Durable Goods category, the August employment total of 82,500 was up 3,100 from the July level and was 800 above the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector advanced 1,800 from July to the current level of 37,900, but this was down 200 compared to the year earlier total.

Within the Durable Goods category, substantial monthly payroll gains were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+1,000), the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+600), and Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery (+400 each). In addition, monthly increases of 200 each occurred in Lumber/Furniture and Transportation Equipment, while upturns of 100 each were recorded in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals

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NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK
OCTOBER 5 – 11, 1986

National Employ the Handicapped Week will be observed for the forty-second consecutive year during the period October 5 – 11 as America salutes the hiring records of employers and the achievements of workers with disabilities. PEOPLE AT WORK is what the American dream is all about. And people with disabilities are part of this dream. But some are excluded. On occasion people ignore the ABILITY and just see the disability.

Announcing the 42nd National Employ the Handicapped Week, John S. Renza, Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security, commends the record of many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During Fiscal Year 1986 a total of 1,406 handicapped individuals sought employment through the R.I. Job Service system of local offices. Almost 40 percent of them – 560 – were placed in jobs. In the past 42 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive – that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wanting to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. A listing of all Job Service offices appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985
Total Placements	3,095	1,997	3,057
New Applications	3,872	3,354	3,959
New Openings Rec'd.	3,960	2,541	5,415

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	August 1986	July 1986	% Change July 1986
Initial Claims	6,771	10,827	- 37.5
No. of Payments	41,793	50,516	- 17.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,121,678	$ 6,121,916	- 16.3
Exhaustions	834	1,103	- 24.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985
Initial Claims	3,131	3,450	3,273
No. of Payments	23,980	25,783	23,975
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,295,320	$ 3,423,431	$ 3,051,293

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	508.4	504.3	500.6
Unemployment	17.0	20.4	22.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	4.0	4.5
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.3	3.5	4.6

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Civilian Labor Force	325.7	329.6	324.9
Unemployment	13.0	11.9	18.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.6	5.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Civilian Labor Force	162.9	165.5	164.8
Unemployment	8.3	7.3	10.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	4.4	6.4

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Civilian Labor Force	35,840	35,765	34,975
Unemployment	900	980	1,170
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.5	2.7	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 18-22, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	12,276	100.0
Men	5,673	46.2
Under 45	3,945	69.5
45 and over	1,728	30.5
Women	6,603	53.8
Under 45	4,256	64.5
45 and over	2,347	35.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	491	4.0
Manufacturing	5,856	47.7
Public Utilities	855	7.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,946	15.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	346	2.8
Service	2,128	17.3
All Other	654	5.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,582	12.9
Clerical and Sales	2,892	23.6
Service	1,255	10.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	91	0.7
Processing	382	3.1
Machine Trades	1,346	11.0
Bench Work	2,128	17.3
Structural Work	1,019	8.3
Miscellaneous	1,528	12.5
INA	53	0.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	430.6	424.7	426.1	+ 5,900	+ 4,500
MANUFACTURING	120.4	115.5	119.8	+ 4,900	+ 600
NONMANUFACTURING	310.2	309.2	306.3	+ 1,000	+ 3,900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.7	16.4	16.4	+ 300	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	14.2	13.6**	+ 100	+ 700
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	96.0	95.8	95.1	+ 200	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	23.7	23.7	+ 200	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	103.3**	103.0	101.8	+ 300	+ 1,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.0	56.1	55.7	- 100	+ 300

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	August 1985	August 1986	August 1985	August 1986	August 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.4	115.5	119.8	+4900	+600	$ 320.39	$ 301.25	40.3	39.9	$7.95	$7.55
DURABLE GOODS	82.5	79.4	81.7	+3100	+800	320.39	297.86	40.3	39.4	7.95	7.56
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	2.9	2.8	+ 200	+300	377.74	349.86	40.4	41.6	9.35	8.41
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 100	- 100	403.51	378.62	40.8	40.8	9.89	9.28
PRIMARY METALS	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 100	+100	394.74	376.66	43.0	42.9	9.18	8.78
FABRICATED METALS	9.7	9.3	9.6	+ 400	+100	301.90	277.20	40.2	40.0	7.51	6.93
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6*	5.6*	5.5	-	+100	427.28	399.95	43.6	42.1	9.80	9.50
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	11.8	12.0	+ 400	+200	300.40	281.56	40.0	38.1	7.51	7.39
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.5	9.8	+ 200	- 100	415.67	407.55	40.2	39.8	10.34	10.24
INSTRUMENTS	5.5*	5.4*	5.5*	+ 100	-	323.89	291.60	41.9	40.0	7.73	7.29
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.8	21.8	23.1	+1000	- 300	251.93	232.59	39.8	38.7	6.33	6.01
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.3	5.7	5.8	+ 600	+500	248.09	233.93	35.8	34.1	6.93	6.86
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	36.1	38.1	+1800	- 200	319.19	301.60	40.2	40.0	7.94	7.54
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.1	3.3	+ 200	-	272.88	247.16	37.9	37.0	7.20	6.68
TEXTILES	10.7	10.0	10.7	+ 700	-	292.54	281.80	40.8	40.9	7.17	6.89
APPAREL	3.3	3.1	3.4	+ 200	- 100	278.57	258.05	42.4	39.7	6.57	6.50
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 100	+200	304.38	274.05	41.3	40.6	7.37	6.75
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.5	6.5	6.4	-	+100	426.41	403.39	38.8	38.9	10.99	10.37
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.2*	-	- 400	425.57	409.82	40.3	40.9	10.56	10.02
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	-	-	335.74	317.52	41.5	40.5	8.09	7.84
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.5	5.1	5.5	+ 400	-	318.40	323.29	39.9	41.5	7.98	7.79
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.1	2.3	+ 200	-	218.44	209.75	38.8	39.5	5.63	5.31

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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and Instruments. Employment in Nonelectrical Machinery showed no change from July to August. Compared to a year ago, the largest job gain in Durable Goods was posted in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry (+500). Annual employment increases were also reported in Lumber/Furniture (+300), Electrical Machinery (+200) and Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery (+100 each). Payroll declines for the 12 month period were evident in Jewelry-Silverware (-300), followed by Stone-Clay-Glass and Transportation Equipment (-100 each). Employment in Instruments remained unchanged compared to a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile employment reflected the most sizable monthly increase (+700), while payrolls in Plastic Products expanded by 400 workers. Also showing monthly advances were Food-Beverage, Apparel and Leather Products (+200 each), followed by an increase of 100 in Paper Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their July employment levels. On an annual comparison, payroll expansion in Paper Products (+200) and Printing-Publishing (+100) was offset by decreases in Chemical Products (-400) and Apparel (-100). Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from August 1985.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 1,000 during the July-August period, due mainly to moderate gains throughout most of this sector. The current Nonmanufacturing total of 310,200 reflects a sizable increase of 3,900 jobs from the August 1985 level of 306,300.

Within this sector, Contract Construction, at 16,700, and Service, at 103,300, posted the most substantial monthly job gains, as each segment was up 300 for August. Compared to a year ago, the former added 300 workers while the latter segment expanded by 1,500. Payrolls in Wholesale and Retail Trade recorded a monthly upturn of 200, rising to 96,000, which represents an annual increase of 900 jobs. Similarly, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 23,900, was up 200 on both a monthly and an annual basis. Although overall Government employment fell by 100 in August to 56,000, it remained 300 above the year ago total. With a monthly job gain of 100, Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls rose to 14,300, representing an increase of 700 compared to August 1985.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $7.95 in mid-August; this represents a gain of 40 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in August to 40.3 hours, which was 0.4 of an hour more than the August 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in August amounted to $320.39, representing an increase of $2.40 from last month and a gain of $19.14 from a year ago.

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